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Examiner : Felten
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Customer No. : 41498
Re : MECHANISM AND BUSINESS METHOD FOR
IMPLEMENTING A SERVICE CONTRACT FUTURES
EXCHANGE

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary at this time other than for two additional claims and a one month time extension. However, in the event that any fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please notify the undersigned. No extension of time is believed necessary other than for one month which is hereby requested. If, however, another extension of time is needed, the extension is requested. Please notify the undersigned.

In response to the Office action of *February 17, 2004*, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on **page 2** of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 7** of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on **page 71** of this paper.

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